

Appl. No. 10/660,241
Reply dated February 28, 2006
Reply to Office Action dated August 31, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3, and 5-17 were pending in the application. Claim 4 was previously cancelled. Claims 18-20 were previously withdrawn. New claims 21-40 are added in this Amendment.

The Examiner withdrew the finality of the January 24, 2005 Office Action and in the August 31, 2005 Non-Final Action asserted new grounds for rejecting independent claim 1 under 35 USC §102(b). The Examiner indicated, however, that dependent claims 6-10, 11 and 14 contain allowable subject matter. For the present, the Applicant has chosen to adopt the Examiner's suggestion and has amended independent claim 1 to incorporate the limitation of dependent claim 6.

Dependent claims 6 and 3 are canceled due to their subject matter being substantially covered by amended claim 1.

Dependent claims 12-14 are amended in order to use component names consistent with the limitations of amended independent claim 1.

The applicant believes that the amendment of claim 1 places claim 1 and dependent claims 2, 5, and 7-17 in condition for allowance.

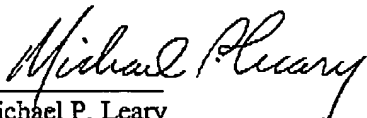
New claim families 21-38 and 39-40 are submitted for consideration

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Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted



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